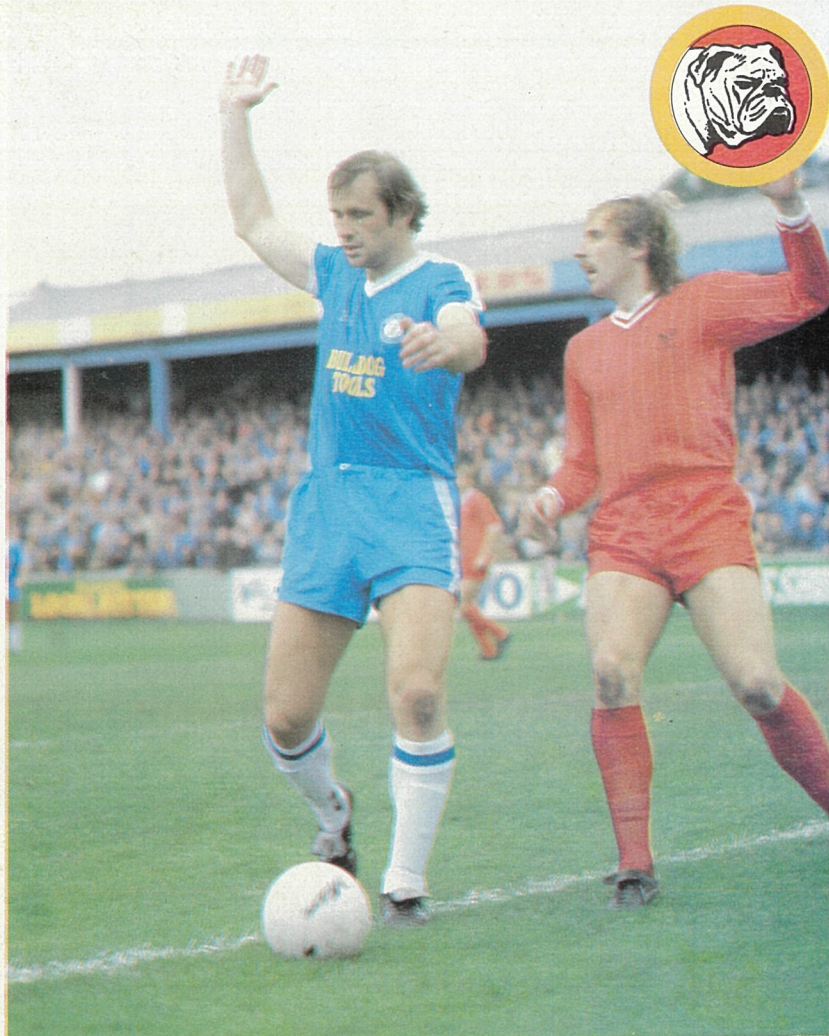


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SOMEBODY said that a week is a long time in politics — in football, it's even longer. On the Sunday before last I was reflecting on what a terrible Christmas we'd had, not only because we had only taken one point out of a possible nine, but also because we had not shown any flair or real style in any of the three games. It had looked as if things were coming right in the opening period of the Preston game, but once we gave the Deepdale men goals as belated Christmas presents, we were reverted to the previous weeks bad ways. But last Sunday, just seven days later, I was able to look back on two excellent performances against Huddersfield and Brentford which served to remind us all that we have a good team here at Springfield, and one which, if it can maintain its true form, is definitely not out of

the promotion race yet. If I'd have made that statement after the Preston game, I would have been called an idiot, but football is a tremendous game and one thing that makes it so is the fact that you can be at rock bottom one week, and flying high the next. If we can now consolidate on our last two games, we'll be up there with the front runners.

Following run-outs in the Central League match in mid-week, our injured players have now all returned to fitness, with Peter Houghton needing another reserve game to bring him to the standard he demands of himself.

For the first time in months we have a fully fit squad to choose from, with only Kevin Langley's two match suspension depriving us of 100% availability.

Finally, I would just like to say a few words to our away supporters. It was incredible at Preston to hear them chanting "We'll support you ever more" when we were 4-1 down, and it was great at Brentford to give them something to shout about. Such loyalty is a great boost to the players and has been a talking point in the dressing room over the past few weeks. So thank you for your support, both home and away, and I just hope that we can continue to give you plenty to cheer about.

Regards,

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

THE reported rift between Brian Clough and his former pal Peter Taylor didn't heal up much after Derby's FA Cup victory over Forest last week.

And now Clough is planning to get his own back on Taylor by swooping for Chesterfield's highly rated midfield star Danny Wilson, who was once on Latics books.

Derby had bid £65,000 plus two players for Wilson but this was turned down by Chesterfield, and, following Forest's defeat last week, Clough was reported to be ready to make an offer of his own to snatch the player out of Derby's grasp.

Chesterfield, currently about £300,000 in debt are anxious to sell, but on their own terms.

Huddersfield manager Mick Buxton sprang to the defence of striker Mark Lillis after last week's FA Cup draw at Leeds Road against Chelsea.

Lillis (the blond lad who kept getting caught offside against Latcis) missed a number of chances against the Second

Division side that could have won them the game but his manager said: "People forget that he creates an incredible number of chances for himself. He has only been playing up front regularly for the past three months and I am confident that in a full season he could get 40 goals.

Interesting item in last week's Brentford programme. "The Bees welcome Wigan Athletic: Midfielder Graham Barrow also arrived from Altrincham, the fee of £70,000 representing a new club record when he put pen to paper in August 1981!"

News to me!

It's just as well for Wrexham that they are well off for goalkeepers because they have already been forced to use no fewer than four so far this season.

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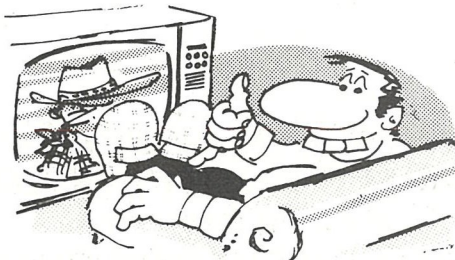
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**ON
FILE**

PERHAPS the most important thing happening in football at the moment is the report being prepared by Norman Chester into the problems of the League. The Committee which he chairs has sought opinions from all League clubs and the first to respond was Chelsea with a paper prepared by Mr. Ken Bates, the ex-Vice Chairman of the Latics in which he deals with every aspect of the problem. Such is the power of his dissertation that I think it well worthwhile to give it wider publicity by reproducing extracts from it in this column, kicking off with his thoughts on "Hooliganism".

HOOLIGANISM

1. CHELSEA believes that the present hooliganism problem is exaggerated far beyond its true importance by the media, which is itself in desperate trouble. The present cut-throat Fleet Street circulation war is such that doubt is being openly expressed as to survival of one or more at the cheap end of the market. More and more sensational stories with increasingly sensational headlines are being demanded at editorial level, who are often more to blame than the journalists themselves.

Irresponsible journalism has created the current furore over hooliganism.

It cannot be denied that there is hooliganism in soccer but it is not confined to League Clubs. The FA are unable to control their supporters at International away matches and there has been trouble at Wembley Stadium at matches staged under the auspices of the FA.

2. Mindless violence is a wider problem of which soccer is only a part.

The Conservative Party Conference had its hooligan visitors when Ministers and delegates were jostled and spat upon.

80 year old ladies are viciously beaten up for robbery of 20p. to 80p.

Policemen are attacked for no reason other than the mindless desire to have a go at authority.

Sons of rich people smash up restaurants in drunken orgies.

Violence on a Saturday night is common place at pubs, dance halls and discos.

We live in a violent society today and the fault for this is with society itself.

It is totally the responsibility of successive Government administrations who have become increasingly tolerant towards the offender, and increasingly disinterested in the victims of the violence, and of the law abiding majority of the citizens who, because they are law abiding, make no fuss. Our political masters show little interest other than mouthing meaningless platitudes, hand-wringing and buck passing — but then what else are politicians for?

3. A specific example is following the disturbances prior to the CHELSEA/Leeds game. At the Piccadilly Underground station, approximately 140 people were arrested for fighting between themselves and attacking the Police, some with hastily obtained weapons.

At the time of writing, the vast majority have had derisory fines or been bound over to keep the peace, which is broken on a regular basis.

The responsibility for this present situation should be placed fairly and squarely where it belongs — the Government and the Home Office. Violent behaviour must be punished by imprisonment or detention.

More next match.

Cheers,
Colin Burke.



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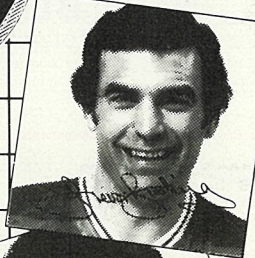
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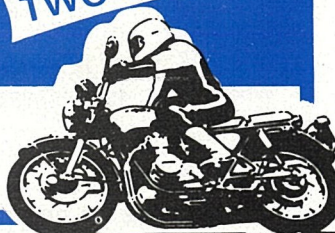


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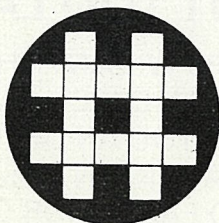
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 16

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go. Powell, possibly, Mansfield's nickname, Standard ---; --- Hall, Southend's site.

CLUB CLUE No. 16

Solve this cryptic club to identify a famous foreign club:

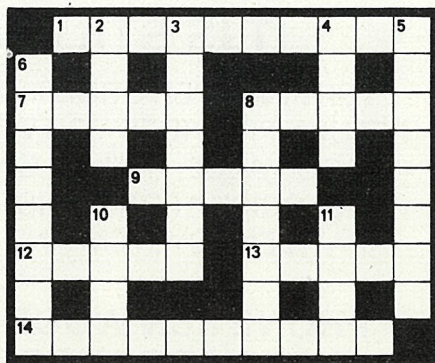
Does it represent the soccer trade in Luxembourg?

MIXED DOUBLES No. 16

Re-order the letters in each of the words **OGRE** and **WORDS** to find the names of two men called Tommy.

QUICK QUIZ No. 16

1. Who were League champions before each wartime break?
2. Which two Harry's successively managed Swansea?
3. They *were* "The Colliers" . . . but what are they now?
4. The six-yard box is how many yards *wide*?
5. Who are the reigning Olympic soccer champions?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 16 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. A defensive position (6-4)
7. Regally-named striker who reigned with Coventry, Sheffield United, Newcastle and Stoke (5)
8. Utility player whose career ran from the 50s to the 70s with Southport, Rotherham, Carlisle and Exeter (5)
9. --- Harrison holds Walsall's aggregate appearances record (5)
12. Former Villa defender who was ever-present with Halifax last season (5)
13. Cardiff-born brothers David and Paul began their careers at Ninian Park (5)
14. Club for whom Jim Montgomery holds the appearances record (10)

DOWN

2. Sides usually have their favourite ones! (4)
3. The nickname of Dundee United (7)
4. Celtic dumped this club out of the European Cup this season (4)
5. Club which has reached the last round (8)
6. Target-men . . . at least, they're expected to be on it (8)
8. Hans-Peter ---, experienced West Germany defender who was a 1982 World Cup 5 down (7)
10. Former Leeds man who was one of the Bristol City 'eight' (he went on to Barnsley) (4)
11. Woollett or Wooler (4)

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

WIGAN stumbled as they opened their campaign in the Lancashire FA Inter-League competition last week. Against a side from the Blackpool Sunday Alliance League they eventually lost, despite looking the better team in the early stages.

Those early stages saw them go ahead in the 14th minute through a penalty by Archer after Bradshaw had been brought down in the area. But although Wigan continued to dominate, they failed to build on this early lead and were caught out by a rare Blackpool attack which brought the visitors a penalty when Campbell brought down Wilson. Mulberry made no mistake with the spot kick.

After half-time it was Wigan's turn to face the wind and slope and they paid a penalty within minutes when a run and cross on the right wing was headed home by Blackpool's Bailey.

Wigan fought back and saw a shot saved off the line, but Blackpool went further ahead when Wilson scored from close range. It was Wilson who put the game beyond doubt when he added a fourth with a fine effort from 25 yards.

With just a few minutes left Bowie pulled one back for Wigan with a

delightful chip over the keeper, but it was too late to be anything but a consolation goal.

There was also defeat for Wigan Amateur League's last survivors in the Lancashire FA Amateur Shield, Aspull SC, who were knocked out in the fourth round recently.

They travelled to Preston on New Year's Day to face West Lancashire League side Longridge, but in difficult conditions they fell behind within ten minutes, when a cross was not cleared and the ball was hammered in from close range. Aspull had the chance to pull back soon after when they were awarded a penalty but Bailey's shot was saved by the 'keeper.

In the 23rd minute the home side went two up, but just before the break Aspull pulled one back through Martin Dawber. In the second half Aspull continued to push forward in search of an equaliser but this proved to be their undoing. Ten minutes from the end Longridge broke away, and with the Aspull defence still pushing forward, the home player put the ball away to seal the side's victory by three goals to one.

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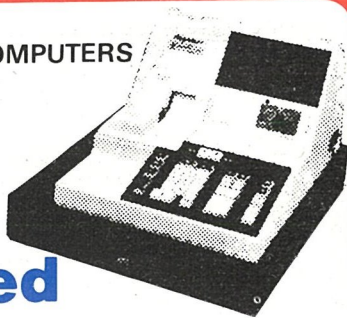
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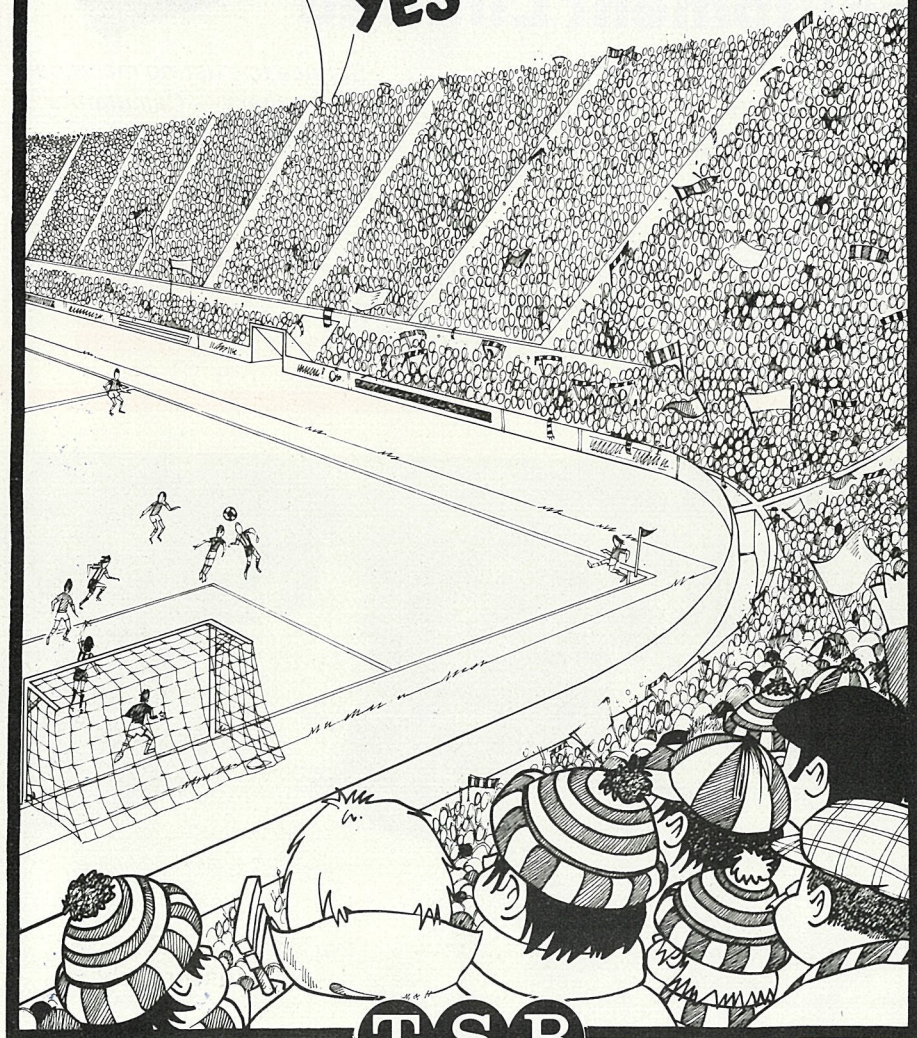
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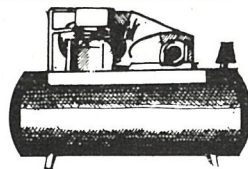
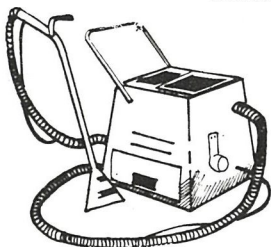
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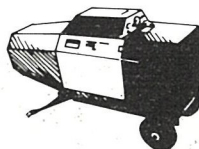
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IN CITY



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...ingham, David
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...es: Paul Jones,

DEREK BELL (Forward) A striker who started as an apprentice with Derby County, came to Lincoln City via Halifax Town and Barnsley. Top scorer at both his former Clubs, unlucky with injuries over the last two seasons which has restricted his First team appearances. Is again looking for an injury free season to get among the goals which he is quite capable of doing.

DAVID CARR (Defender/Midfield) Signed from Luton Town during the 1979 close season for £20,000. An ever present last season, enjoyed his adopted position at right back with some solid performances last year.

GLENN COCKERILL (Attacking Midfield player) Rejoined the Club in August 1981 for £40,000 from Swindon Town after his transfer there for £110,000 in October 1979. Scorer of 12 goals last season.

DAVID FELGATE (Goalkeeper) Signed from Bolton Wanderers in October 1980 for £25,000. Member of the Welsh Squad for the Home Internationals and the World Cup Qualifying matches during 1981.

GORDON HOBSON (Front Player) Fast attacking player who started as a winger but has now developed into a very good striker. Leading scorer in 1979/80 season with 23 goals. Has the ability to create goals from nothing.

PHIL NEALS (Defender) Is the longest serving Professional at Sincil Bank. Has proved a valuable

asset to the Club, playing in several positions, but looks happier at left back. Plays cricket for Worcestershire, was elected Captain last year.

TREVOR PEAKE (Central Defender) Signed from Nuneaton Borough during 1979 close season for £15,000. England non-League International. Club Captain, has earned a reputation for being one of the outstanding centre half's of the Third Division.

GEORGE SHIPLEY (Midfield) Signed from Southampton in February 1980 for a club record fee of £45,000 and where he made only a limited number of First team appearances, but amongst those was a memorable victory over Liverpool. Has developed into a stylish midfield player. Scored 15 goals last season.

STEVE THOMPSON (Defender/Midfield) Signed from Boston United for £15,000 at the end of 1979/80 season. Hard tackling player who can operate successfully in midfield or in defence, he established himself as a regular member of the team in the second half of that season. Voted supporters Player of the Season last year and has become the back bone of the defence.

PHIL TURNER (Midfield) Former apprentice, signed professional forms shortly after making his League debut. Has established himself as a regular feature in the midfield and potentially has the ability to play at the highest level.

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Junior Latics could eliminate the need for boys from this area to be lost to the game, either from lack of interest or knowledge.

We could be providing the base for what should be a way through for these boys, but as I said, Junior Latics just have not the facilities to take them any further, so these boys are at a cross-roads.

The next step must come from professional clubs like Latics.

TODAY'S MASCOT

Our mascot for today is Andrew Walton. Andrew is 12 years old and attends Marus Bridge School. His hobbies are football, rugby, swimming and model making. His favourite player is Eamon O'Keefe.

Have a nice day Andrew.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

Believe it or believe it not, the League gates at Springfield Park this season are running very close to those of last season. For the first twelve matches of the 1981/82 season, the average gate was 4,950 — to date this season the average is 4,938. The thirteenth game of last season was against Hartlepool United and produced a gate of 6,315 and so no doubt the mathematicians amongst you have already worked out that if today's gate is 6,468, our average will be up on last season.

★ ★ ★

Brentford's gate last Saturday, however, was the worst of the season, much to the disappointment of their Chairman and Directors. The shortfall of several hundred was put down to the team's poor results, their having taken only one point from the previous twelve. That's one from fifteen now.

★ ★ ★

Ex-Latics player George Urquhart has now recovered from the injury which has kept him out of the Macclesfield

side for several months and is back in full-time training.

★ ★ ★

Another ex-Latics lad, Mark Wignall, has teamed up with Les Rigby's Morecambe side.

★ ★ ★

Bobby Robson's desire to cast his net wide to find young players with potential had led to enquiries from the England boss about several of the Latics young brigade.

★ ★ ★

Middlesbrough Football Club seem to be having as much trouble with their sports complex as the Latics are with the all-weather pitch — but in reverse. The £1.2M centre was built with the help of a £125,000 grant from the Sports Council on the understanding that it would be open to the public. Middlesbrough now realise that if they open it up, it will lose them money — but if they don't, the Sports Council will want their money back. And we thought we had a problem.

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Happy Birthday Dad for yesterday. Also belated wishes Mum for 9th January. Love from Ange. Don't worry, they say life begins at forty.

Happy 8th Birthday for Sunday to Charlotte, from Mum, Dad and Brian at 12 Dawson Avenue, Beech Hill, Wigan.

Happy 11th Birthday to John Foster, from Mum, Dad and Carlie, at 38 Elm Avenue, Golborne.

Happy 8th Birthday to Paul and Michael of Orrell. Love from Mum and brother John.

Happy 18th Birthday to Donna Hurst, from Tony.

I have hundreds of Everton programmes for sale, from the 1940's onwards. S.A.E. for list. Also, good price paid for the Mick Worswick Testimonial (team-sheet) between Worswick Select XI and Everton 1977/78 at Springfield Park. Please contact Steve Mather, 32 Haresfinch Road, St. Helens, Merseyside, WA11 9NU. (Phone St. Helens 39682).

Mr. E. Brendan Jones, of 37 Thorburn Road, Pemberton, Wigan, a keen Wigan Athletic supporter, has kindly provided and sponsored a new tracksuit for our trainer, Kenny Banks.

Best wishes on your 17th birthday Christine. Love Phil.

Happy 17th Birthday Christine from Mum, Dad and Philip. Let's hope we score as many as you have had years.

Happy New Year and many successes to your team in Division III, best wishes from your good fan, Miroslav Balog of Michalovce, in Czechoslovakia.

Welcome to Springfield Park to Clive Harris, Trading Manager of Manchester Polytechnic Student's Union, who is here today to watch his beloved Lincoln City.

Wanted — Pre-League programmes. Contact the Souvenir Shop at Springfield Park.

DON'T FORGET This is a free service for Latics supporters. All messages should be handed in, or 'phoned through to the Club by the Monday morning before Saturday, and the Friday morning before mid-week games. Please make your messages as short as possible.

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*David Lowe takes the ball around the 'keeper, to score his great solo goal against Huddersfield.
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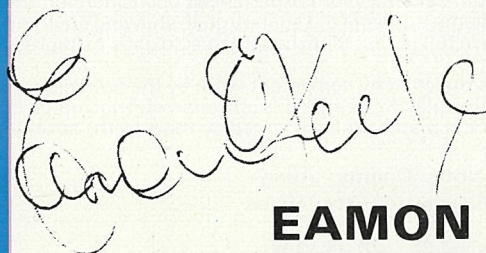
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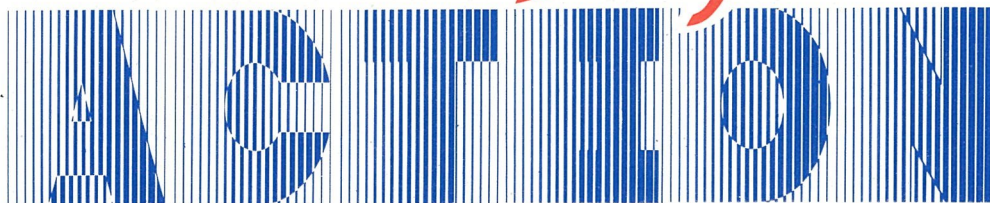
EAMON O'KEEFE

EAMON O'KEEFE'S footballing career should never have been as complicated as it turned out to be. He was happily playing for Manchester Boys in his last year at school and was all set to start an apprenticeship with Manchester United when disaster struck. In the last game of the season he broke his leg and Eamon was out of the game for eighteen months. "It was the biggest disappointment of my life", he recalls, "and instead of starting out on a career that could have kept me in Manchester, I started on my wanderings". On his return to fitness, he commenced training with Cheshire League Stalybridge Celtic and quickly got a place in the first team — at right back. The next season he moved to midfield, and it was in that position that Plymouth Argyle watched him and decided to buy him for £6,000 ("Stalybridge bought a set of floodlights with that. And when I got transferred from Mossley to Everton for £25,000, Mossley built a new stand. I'm a one man construction company!") But it was money for nothing. A back injury sidelined Eamon for a month and by the time he was fit, the Pompey manager Tony Waiters decided that the young lad was "never going to be more than a fringe player", and Eamon was off on his travels again. Cheshire League Hyde United took him on their books for a short spell before he went to Saudi Arabia for a year ("If you want to know about that year you'll have to wait until I write my book!") — On his return to England he joined Alliance Premier side Mossley. It was whilst with them that he achieved his first International honour, representing England at non-League level.

Shortly after, he paid for Mossley's new stand by his move to First Division Everton in 1979. The manager at Goodison at that time was Gordon Lee and he greatly admired the player's ability. So too did the selectors for the Irish National side and in 1981, qualifying through his parentage, he was chosen to play for Eire against Wales in Dublin. "I had a good game and was looking forward to being picked again", records Eamon, "but F.I.F.A. decided differently". "They did indeed." The International body noticed that he had represented two countries, England and Eire, and, regardless of the fact that once was at non-League level and the other at full-level, the rules do not permit such dual nationality and Eamon is now banned from representing any country. "Still", he reflects, "playing for Eire was the greatest moment in my career, and they can't take it away from me — even if they did take the cap back!"

On Saturday, 23rd January, 1982, Eamon O'Keefe was substitute for Everton in their 3-0 victory over Wolves at Molineux in the First Division. Exactly seven days later he wore the number 11 shirt for Wigan Athletic in their 3-2 victory at Northampton Town in the Fourth Division. The Latics record signing, his move has been well documented, but his main reason for coming to Springfield Park was simple — "Wigan wanted to win something, and so did I. I only want to play for clubs that are desperate to win, because that's what I always am". And his nine League goals last season were vital to the Latics promotion. He had come to win something and being the determined person he is, he did just that!

Central League



Wednesday, 12th January, 1983.

Preston North End 4 - Wigan Athletic 1

The 4-1 scoreline brought back unpleasant memories as a Latics team was well beaten at Deepdale for the second time in a fortnight. A month without a game and far more experienced opposition left the Reserves with little to shout about, with only Phil Williams, scorer of the solitary goal, showing anything like the determination required to match a Preston side full of first team candidates anxious to impress watching manager, Gordon Lee.

Impressive attacking play by Bell and Buckley was matched by competent work by the twin centre-backs, Alan Gowling and Tommy Booth. Peter Houghton playing as striker is obviously still not match fit and, indeed, the whole Latics side suffered from a lack of match practice forced on them by the strange time tabling of Central League fixtures.

NEXT FIXTURES 18th January, 1983 — Notts. County - Away
25th January, 1983 — Manchester City - Home

What the papers say...

THE SUNDAY MIRROR Wigan Whirl

Brentford 1 - Wigan Athletic 3. Wigan underlined their recovery from a disastrous Christmas with another decisive victory.

They struck first through Eamon O'Keefe after just nine minutes — and Brentford never looked like making a match of it.

Wigan kept up the pressure and John McMahon made it two in 34 minutes when he curled in a fine effort from the edge of the box.

Brentford pulled one back through Gary Roberts in 56 minutes, but John Butler wrapped it up for Wigan five minutes later.

NEWS OF THE WORLD Butler Serves Wigan Treat

Furious Bees fans booed Brentford off the park after a dreadful performance which left manager Fred Callaghan speechless.

And Callaghan was left to reflect on his controversial move of dropping veteran maestro Stan Bowles for not trying hard enough. The ragged Brentford attack certainly missed Bowles' sparkle.

Wigan took command right from the start when O'Keefe grabbed the lead after nine minutes. And as the Northern-

ers bored into the Brentford defence, McMahon curled in a beauty to make it two after 34 minutes.

Brentford came out fighting after fiery words from Callaghan at half-time — and briefly got back into the game. Roberts latched on to Rowe's cross to pull one back after 56 minutes.

But that was Brentford's swan-song. After that it was all Wigan. O'Keefe, Barrow and Weston all had fine efforts before Butler headed in O'Keefe's perfect cross to seal it after 61 minutes.

Brentford never looked like getting back into the game and clung on like drowning men as Wigan threatened to increase their lead.

What you say...

Ian Owen, Atherton.

I really enjoyed the match on Saturday. The lads played really well. All the goals were really taken. Could I ask that the lads give the travelling fans a wave away from home. It means an

awful lot to us.

Don Pierce, Ashton.

"I can't believe it. In the last two weeks I've seen the Latics play two of their worst games ever, and two of their best! Can you explain that? At Brentford

they were tremendous and we could have had five. If we could just find the consistency we'd be promotion candidates without a doubt. It's all very baffling."

Supporters Club

SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon everyone. We at the Supporters' Club would like to welcome the officials, players and supporters of League leaders Lincoln City A.F.C. to Springfield Park today. We hope you had a pleasant trip to Wigan.

ENTERTAINMENT

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking everyone who attended our functions over the Christmas and New Year period. It made it a very enjoyable Christmas for all of us. Thank you once again.

We try to put the best artistes on stage for you and this month is no exception.

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Saturday, 22nd January, 1983 — RON FRASER

Saturday, 29th January, 1983 — CASS NOVA

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Lists for the game at Bradford next week are on the notice board.

Our coach organiser Graham Pye is organising the trip to Plymouth, with a view to stopping over en-route for lunch at a suitable hotel. More details given later.

Enjoy the game.

Call in for a pint after the match.

Chris Coffey, Chairman.

* Goal Scorer – Caton (own goal)

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

(As at Sunday, 9th January, 1983)

	Home						Away						APts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Lincoln City	22	11	0	1	39	7	5	1	4	12	12	49	
Cardiff City	23	9	1	1	21	9	5	2	5	21	24	45	
Portsmouth	22	9	0	2	24	10	4	4	3	13	16	43	
Huddersfield Town . .	23	9	3	0	35	10	3	3	5	10	15	42	
Oxford United	22	5	5	0	20	10	7	1	4	21	14	42	
Bristol Rovers	24	9	2	1	36	10	3	3	6	18	22	41	
Newport County	23	7	4	1	23	12	4	2	5	15	16	39	
Plymouth Argyle . . .	22	9	0	2	18	10	1	4	6	14	25	34	
Brentford	24	8	2	3	32	17	1	4	6	19	26	33	
WIGAN ATHLETIC	24	7	0	5	23	15	3	2	7	19	25	32	
Bradford City	22	6	5	0	23	13	2	3	6	12	21	32	
Gillingham	24	6	2	4	18	14	3	3	6	11	14	32	
Southend United . . .	23	6	3	2	22	12	3	1	8	12	19	31	
Exeter City	25	6	3	3	12	18	1	6	6	19	36	30	
Wrexham	23	6	3	2	15	8	1	4	7	7	27	28	
AFC Bournemouth . .	24	4	4	3	15	11	3	2	8	8	30	27	
Sheffield United . . .	21	6	2	3	18	10	1	3	6	8	18	26	
Chesterfield	23	4	2	6	18	14	2	5	4	10	15	25	
Orient	22	5	2	4	21	22	2	1	8	4	25	24	
Doncaster Rovers . .	24	5	6	2	32	25	0	1	10	6	25	22	
Walsall	22	4	3	4	11	14	1	4	6	15	25	22	
Reading	24	5	3	4	21	18	0	4	8	15	33	22	
Preston North End . .	23	3	6	2	16	11	2	0	10	14	31	21	
Millwall	23	3	6	2	15	14	0	4	8	11	25	19	

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Comments from the Chair



GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to Springfield Park to the directors, players and supporters of Lincoln City. The last visit of the Imps to Wigan was two years ago when both of us were in the Fourth Division. Their victory that day emphasised their ability to play attacking football away from home and they have continued to do so in their spell in the Third Division. They missed out on promotion to the Second Division last year by a point, but the way things are looking at the moment, they will not make the same mistake this year. It is sure to be a good competitive game today with our lads having recovered from their bad spell which did nothing to improve my Christmas and which, I am sure, annoyed you similarly. It was most enjoyable watching the Huddersfield game, not just because of the result, but because of the way the team played. They maintained their form at Brentford and put up one of the finest displays of the season.

Both teams in today's game are evidence of the new demands being made on League clubs in these trying times in as much as both are selected from far smaller squads that would have been considered possible a few years ago. Fortunately for us, injuries to regular first teamers have forced us to play youngsters, and what a revelation they have been. The fact that all clubs are employing smaller squads means that youngsters are

bound to get their chance in the first team far sooner than used to be the case. This can surely only be good for the game. In our case, the youngsters are our future and I for one feel very confident about their ability to continue to develop into the top class players which they promise to be.

I would finish with a special mention for our away supporters who gave us such great backing at Wrexham and Preston, despite having little to shout about. I was especially pleased for them at Brentford when their long return journey must have been shortened considerably by the result.

Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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**WIGAN
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(Royal Blue & White Stripe)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Alex Cribley
- 5 Steve Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 David Lowe
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 John Butler
- 10 Eamon O'Keefe
- 11 Jimmy Weston
- 12 Kevin Langelly

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MR. D. HUTCHINSON
(Harrogate)

From 1964 progressed through the Cambridge, Eastern Counties and Southern Leagues to the Football League in 1972. Officiated as linesman in the 1976 F.A. Cup Semi-Final and refereed the 1977 F.A. Vase Quarter-Final, and an F.A. Trophy Semi-Final, and an F.A. Trophy Semi-Final in 1980. Also lined European Cup Winners Cup Semi-Final in 1979, and acted as Senior Linesman in the 1981 F.A. Cup Final. A married man, he is an Inspector in the police force, and his interests include cricket.

Linesmen:

(Red Flag) (Yellow Flag)
Mr. J. Constable **Mr. A.R. Morton**
(Langho, Blackburn) (Thornton-Cleveleys)

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VISITORS:



**LINCOLN
CITY**
(Red/White)

- 1 David Felgate
- 2 Gordon Simmonite
- 3 Phil Neale
- 4 Glenn Cockerill
- 5 Trevor Peake
- 6 Steve Thompson
- 7 Marshall Burke
- 8 Phil Turner
- 9 Gordon Hobson
- 10 Derek Bell
- 11 George Shipley
- 12 David Carr